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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 12 to 17 December 1951 follows.

1. Pol Dasht

13 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: four trains composed of 59 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 38 boxcars, and one gondola of iron; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: three trains composed of 19 tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 45 boxcars, three gondolas of poles, and three gondolas of boxes; one train at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusulfa to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 55 tank cars, and 31 passenger cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars; one train at night.

14 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: four trains composed of 30 tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 41 boxcars, one empty gondola, six gondolas of stone, two gondolas of coal, four gondolas carrying timber and three tractors, and seven gondolas of poles; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 15 passenger cars and 56 gondolas of sand; one train at night.

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Pol Dasht cont'd

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 21 boxcars, 14 gondolas of iron, one gondola of firewood, two gondolas of stone, one gondola carrying one automobile and two cranes, two gondolas of coal, five gondolas of hay, and 22 gondolas with unknown contents; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 44 boxcars, and four gondolas of boxes.

15 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: four trains composed of 22 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 46 boxcars, ten gondolas of timber, one gondola of poles, two gondolas of boxes, three gondolas carrying tractors, and seven gondolas with unknown contents; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 59 boxcars; three trains at night.

16 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: three trains composed of five tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 27 boxcars, 15 gondolas of poles, two gondolas of coal, one gondola carrying one automobile, four gondolas of wooden boxes, and one gondola of iron; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 35 boxcars, and 60 gondolas of sand; two trains at night.

17 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: three trains composed of eight tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 26 boxcars, 11 gondolas of poles, and five gondolas of timber; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: three trains composed of 21 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 36 boxcars, and 30 gondolas of sand; two trains at night.

2. Dzhulfa

14 December

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, three tank cars, 28 boxcars, and 12 gondolas carrying wood, eight electric motors, and one cart; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: two trains composed of 21 tank cars, 30 boxcars, and two empty gondolas; one train at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: twenty-seven trucks, four automobiles, and six jeeps carrying 119 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: twenty-one trucks, two automobiles, and four jeeps carrying 137 soldiers and civilians.

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Dzhulfa cont'd

15 December

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: four trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 32 tank cars, 18 gondolas, and 44 boxcars; one train at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: two trains at night.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: twenty-two trucks, four automobiles, and two jeeps carrying 102 soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: twenty-four trucks and three automobiles carrying 88 soldiers.

16 December

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: four trains composed of 15 passenger cars, nine tank cars, 68 boxcars, four gondolas carrying four trucks, and five gondolas with unknown contents; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: two trains composed of 24 tank cars, 14 boxcars, and two empty gondolas; one train at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: sixteen trucks, three automobiles, and two jeeps, carrying 169 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: seventeen trucks and two jeeps carrying 74 soldiers.

17 December

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, six tank cars, 16 boxcars, and 15 empty gondolas; one train at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: two trains at night.

3. Sia Rud

12 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 58 tank cars and 15 boxcars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 26 tank cars, 15 passenger cars, four boxcars, five gondolas of stone, four gondolas of boxes of matches, nine gondolas of timber, and 25 empty gondolas.

13 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of six tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 16 boxcars, two gondolas of water pipe, two gondolas of coal, nine empty gondolas, and seven gondolas carrying poles, timber, one automobile, one crane, and one tractor; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of six tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 64 boxcars, two gondolas carrying caldrons, and 14 empty gondolas; two trains at night.

14 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, nine boxcars, four gondolas carrying eight automobiles and flour, one gondola of coal, twelve gondolas of poles and lumber, and three empty gondolas; two trains at night.

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Sia Rud cont'd

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 21 tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 20 boxcars, two gondolas of cases, one gondola of soil, one gondola of stone, and 16 empty gondolas; two trains at night.

15 December

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: two trains composed of eight tank cars, 15 passenger cars, six boxcars, two gondolas carrying two automobiles, one gondola of cases, two gondolas of stone, and seven empty gondolas; two trains at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: one train composed of five tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 38 boxcars, nine gondolas of timber and coal, one gondola of barrels, one gondola carrying one engine, and 20 empty gondolas; two trains at night.

16 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of six tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 22 boxcars, two gondolas carrying two automobiles, two gondolas of poles, two gondolas of coal, one gondola of boxes, two gondolas carrying machinery and tools, and six gondolas with unknown contents; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 21 tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 42 boxcars, and 19 empty gondolas; three trains at night.

17 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, and one gondola carrying one automobile; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: two trains composed of four tank cars, 15 passenger cars, ten boxcars, and 18 empty gondolas; two trains at night.

4. Khuda Afarin

12 December

A three-engine black aircraft flew from Khuda Afarin to Larijan (39-16N, 47-08E).

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of four tank cars, 14 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, and 15 gondolas carrying wood, coal, and 12 jeeps.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: two trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 16 boxcars, and nine gondolas.

14 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: four trains composed of 30 passenger cars, 36 boxcars, 12 tank cars, and ten gondolas carrying wood and iron.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, one tank car, 31 boxcars, and 16 empty gondolas.

16 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 24 tank cars, 14 passenger cars, 11 boxcars and two empty gondolas.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 25 tank cars, 14 passenger cars, 45 boxcars, and 22 empty gondolas.

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Khuda Afarin cont'd

17 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: one train composed of 14 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: one locomotive; one train composed of 14 passenger cars.

5. Garmi

16 December

Twenty-four trucks carrying foodstuffs went from the village located east of Belyasuvar to Belyasuvar, and then went towards southern border posts. 25X1

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8. Lutabad

13 December

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: two trains composed of 16 passenger cars and 24 tank cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: five trains composed of 62 tank cars, 48 boxcars, and six empty gondolas; three trains at night.

14 December

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: three trains composed of 57 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, and 75 boxcars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: three trains composed of 24 tank cars, 18 passenger cars, and 27 boxcars; three trains at night.

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Lutfabad cont'd

15 December

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: three trains composed of 35 tank cars, 14 passenger cars, and 28 boxcars; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: three trains composed of 16 passenger cars and 88 tank cars; three trains at night.

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Comment: Note that trains moving from Baku to Dzhulfa are loaded, but trains leaving Baku for Nakhichevan are mostly empty.

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